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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 16, 2002

In response to the Office Action of October 16, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following response.

Applicants elect, without traverse, the invention of Group I, as enumerated by the Examiner. Group I includes claims 20-28, 35, and is drawn to a process for oxidising a halo aromatic substrate with a cell that expresses a monooxygenase enzyme, an electron transfer reductase and an electron transfer redoxin. The remaining pending claims are withdrawn from consideration.

Remarks

Outstanding Restriction Requirement

As per the Office Action of October 16, 2002, the Examiner has restricted the pending claims to one of nine groups of inventions. Applicants elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 20-28, 35). The remaining claims, 29-34, 36, and 37 are withdrawn from consideration. In Attachment 1, Applicants have appended the claims which are pending as of this response.

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